

## What is claimed is:

- 1. A system for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor, comprising a motor controller and a power stage, said motor controller using phase currents of the permanent magnet electric motor to generate voltage-controlling signals in relation to both changes in speed and torque of the permanent magnet electric motor, which are fed back to the permanent magnet electric motor via the power stage.
- 2. The system for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 1, wherein said permanent magnet electric motor is a three-phase permanent magnet electric motor provided with a rotor and a stator, each one of the phases thereof carrying a current,  $i_a$ ,  $i_b$  and  $i_c$  respectively.
- 3. The system for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said motor controller is a park vector rotator unit that generates continuously rotating angles.
- 4. The system for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to any one of claims 1 to 3, said system continuously responding to changes of speed and torque of the permanent magnet electric motor as well as to changes in ambient conditions.
- 5. A method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor comprising:

determining a current of each phase of the permanent magnet electric motor;

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obtaining voltage controlling signals in relation to both changes in speed and torque of the permanent magnet electric motor; and

feeding the voltage controlling signal back to the permanent magnet electric motor.

- 6. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 5, wherein said determining a current of each phase of the permanent magnet electric motor comprises measuring a current of two phases thereof and calculating a current of a third phase using the relation:  $\sum_{three phases} i = 0$  (4).
- 7. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 5 or claim 6, further comprising computing a current torque T of the permanent magnet electric motor.
- 8. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 7, wherein said computing a current torque T comprises rotating the currents of each phase of the permanent magnet electric motor by an angle  $-\theta_n$  to output two currents  $I_d$  and  $I_q$ , according to the following relations on a d-q axis fixed on a rotor axis of the permanent magnet electric motor:

$$I_d = 2/3 \times [i_a \times \cos(\theta_n) + i_b \times \cos(\theta_n + 120^\circ) + i_c \times \cos(\theta_n - 120^\circ)]_{(2)} \text{ and}$$

$$I_q = 2/3 \times [i_a \times \sin(\theta_n) + i_b \times \sin(\theta_n + 120^\circ) + i_c \times \sin(\theta_n - 120^\circ)]_{(3)}.$$

9. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein said obtaining voltage controlling signals comprises:

computing a current rotating angle  $\theta_{n+1}$ ; computing two voltage outputs  $V_q$  and  $V_d$ ; and rotating the voltage outputs  $V_q$  and  $V_d$  by the angle  $\theta_{n+1}$ .



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- 10. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 9, wherein said computing a current rotating angle  $\theta_{n+1}$  is done using a current torque T and a speed  $\omega$  of the permanent magnet electric motor with the formula  $\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n + k_1 \times \omega + k_2 \times T$  (1) where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are constants.
- 11. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 9 or claim 10, wherein said computing two voltage outputs  $V_q$  and  $V_d$  comprises:

computing the voltage output  $V_q$  on a d-q axis fixed on a rotor axis:  $V_q = PI(I^* - I_d) + k_3 \times I_q$  (5) where  $k_3$  is a constant, "PI" referring to a proportional and integral operator, defined as follows:  $PI(x) = ax + b \int x \, dt$  (6) where a and b are constants and integration is over time; and

computing the voltage output  $V_d$ , according to the following equation on the d-q axis fixed on the rotor axis:  $V_d = k_5 \times l_d + k_4 \times l_q \times \omega$  (7) where  $k_4$  and  $k_5$  are constants.

- 12. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to claim 10 or claim 11, wherein said obtaining voltage controlling signals comprises obtaining three voltage controlling signals  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$  and  $V_c$  according to the following equations:  $V_a = V_d \times \cos(\theta_{n+1}) + V_q \times \sin(\theta_{n+1})$  (9),  $V_b = V_d \times \cos(\theta_{n+1} + 120^\circ) + V_q \times \sin(\theta_{n+1} + 120^\circ)$  and  $V_c = V_d \times \cos(\theta_{n+1} 120^\circ) + V_q \times \sin(\theta_{n+1} 120^\circ)$  (11).
- 13. The method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor according to any one of claims 5 to 12, wherein constants are set based on a number of parameters selected in the group comprising a sampling rate of a

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computer to be used, conditions of a power drive, sensitivity of current sensors used for current measurements and characteristics of the permanent magnet electric motor.

- 14. A circuit for controlling a permanent magnet three-phases electric motor provided with a rotor and a stator, comprising a rotator allowing rotation of current signals of the phases of the permanent magnet electric motor from a stationary frame to two decoupled current components in a rotor synchronous frame along a direct axis ( $I_d$ ) and a quadrature axis ( $I_q$ ) respectively; a proportional and integral operator for deriving a voltage ( $V_q$ ) along the quadrature axis and a voltage ( $V_d$ ) along the direct axis; a rotator allowing rotating the voltages  $V_q$  and  $V_d$  back from the rotor synchronous frame to the stationary frame to yield terminal voltages  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$  and  $V_c$  of the permanent magnet electric motor.
- 15. A method for controlling a permanent magnet three-phases electric motor provided with a rotor and a stator, comprising rotating current signals of the phases of the permanent magnet electric motor from a stationary frame to two decoupled current components in a rotor synchronous frame along a direct axis ( $I_d$ ) and a quadrature axis ( $I_q$ ) respectively; deriving a voltage ( $V_q$ ) along the quadrature axis therefrom; deriving a voltage ( $V_d$ ) along the direct axis; rotating the volatages  $V_q$  and  $V_d$  back from the rotor synchronous frame to the stationary frame to yield terminal voltages  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$  and  $V_c$  of the permanent magnet electric motor.
- 16. A method for controlling a permanent magnet electric motor having three-phases each supporting a current  $i_a$ ,  $i_b$  and  $i_c$  respectively, comprising:

determining the currents ia, ib and ic;

rotating the currents  $i_a$ ,  $i_b$  and  $i_c$  by an angle  $-\theta_n$  to yield currents  $I_d$  and



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computing a current torque of the permanent magnet electric motor; computing a current rotating angle  $\theta_{n+1}$ ; computing a voltage output  $V_q$ ; computing a voltage output  $V_d$ ;

rotating the voltages Vq and  $V_d$  by the rotating angle  $\theta n+1$  to yield three voltage controlling signals  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$  and  $V_c$ ; and

applying the voltage controlling signals  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$  and  $V_c$  to the permanent magnet electric motor.